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For: Date Formatting and Sorting for Dates Spanning the Turn of the Century

PETITION TO WITHDRAW FROM REPRESENTATION

To: Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Levin and Hawes LLP and its associated attorneys (Customer # 022853) hereby withdraw as attorneys for the above-identified three-reexamination proceedings and the reissue proceeding.

1. The reasons for this request are that on or about the middle of December 2001 the Inventor of US patent 5,806,063, Bruce Dickens, and the current assignee of that patent, Dickens-Soeder 2000 LLC² verbally advised our firm that they were terminating our representation and asked for return of their files. Subsequently, our firm received on December 20, 2001 written notification dated December 4, 2001. On January 3, 2002 Mr. Dickens picked up the files and advised he intended to retain other counsel to represent him and Dickens-Soeder 2000 LLC. The under signed provided Mr. Dickens with the appropriate Revocation of Power of Attorney and Appointment of New Attorney to Prosecute terminating our firms power of attorney and appointing a new attorney to prosecute the matter. However, since that date, to the best of our knowledge, Mr. Dickens

¹ By decision dated November 3, 2000 the Commissioner sua sponte issued an order to merge the identified three-reexamination proceedings and the reissue proceeding together based on various grounds including that all four proceedings involved the same patent and same issues.

² Pursuant to an assignment of US Patent 5,806,063 filed 2/18/2000 at Reel/Frame 010841/0061.

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and Dickens-Soeder 2000 LLC have not substituted in new counsel and our firm is still listed as the attorney of record.

2. Attached hereto are what the undersigned believes are all of the Powers of Attorney which are the subject of this Petition for Withdrawal. Attached hereto and marked Exhibit A is the power of attorney for the reissue application serial number 09/512,592; attached, as Exhibit B is the power of attorney for reexamination proceeding serial number 90/005,592; attached, as Exhibit C is the power of attorney for reexamination proceeding serial number 90/005,063; and attached, as Exhibit D is the power of attorney for reexamination proceeding serial number 90/005,727. The undersigned believes that these are all of the powers of attorneys which are the subject of this Petition, however, this petition is also meant to withdraw the following law firm and attorneys from representation: the law firm of Levin and Hawes LLP number 022853, William C. Cray Registration Number 27,627, James E. Hawes Registration Number 19,680, Randall L. Reed Registration Number 31,559, and Philip H. Haymond Registration Number 38,177.

3. At the present time there are outstanding office actions pending in this matter issued on September 18, 23 and 24, 2001 and accordingly the final dates to answer these pending office actions are March 18, 23 and 24, 2002. Upon receiving the office actions in the above identified reexamination proceedings and the reissue proceeding at the end of September 2001 we advised Mr. Dickens and Dickens-Soeder 2000 LLC of the same and sent copies of the papers received. We also advised them that they had until the appropriate dates in December 2001 to respond to the office actions without having to pay extension fees and that after that date they had three additional months to answer, but that they would have to pay a progressively increasing fee for each additional month they waited thereafter and the three-reexamination proceedings and the reissue proceeding would go abandoned if they did not answered by the specific dates in March 2002.

4. At the present time a total of at least 52 days remain for answers to be submitted on all four proceedings and thus avoid the abandonment of the three-reexamination proceedings and the reissue proceeding.

5. As part of the Commissioners decision to allow our firm to withdraw it is requested that the correspondence address be changed to the following, the address of Mr. Dickens and Dickens-Soeder 2000 LLC:

Bruce Dickens
Dickens-Soeder 2000 LLC
3892 Cedron Street
Irvine, California 92606
(714) 896-4873

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6. The undersigned is sending concurrently with the filing of this petition a copy to Mr. Dickens of this petition by United States Post Office Express Mail at the above address.

7. The undersigned is authorized to file this Petition on behalf of Levin and Hawes and the attorneys identified in paragraph 2 above and files it on behalf of Levin and Hawes and the attorneys identified in paragraph 2 above.

WHEREFORE: it is respectfully requested that forthwith Levin and Hawes LLP number 022853, William C. Cray Registration Number 27,627, James E. Hawes Registration Number 19,680, Randall L. Reed Registration Number 31,559, and Philip H. Haymond Registration Number 38,177 be allowed to withdraw as attorneys of record, that their powers of attorney be terminated, that the mailing address be changed to that set forth in paragraph 5 above and for such other and further relief that the Assistant Commissioner deems just and proper.

Respectfully requested:

Dated: January 30, 2002



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REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY THE ASSIGNEE		Docket Number (optional)
I hereby declare that My residence and post office address and citizenship are stated below next to my name. I am authorized to act on behalf of the following assignee: <u>DICKENS-SOEDER2000</u> and the title of my position with said assignee is: <u>Manager/Member</u> The entire title to the patent identified below is vested in said assignee.		
Name of Patentee(s): <u>Bruce Dickens</u>		
Patent Number <u>5,806,063</u>	Date of Patent Issued	
Title of Invention <u>Date Formatting and Sorting for Dates Spanning the Turn of the Century</u>		
I believe said patentee(s) to be the original, first and sole/joint inventor(s) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in said patent, for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled <u>Date Formatting and Sorting For Dates Spanning the Turn of the Century</u> the specification of which <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. <input type="checkbox"/> was filed on _____ as reissue application number _____ / _____ and was amended on _____ (if applicable) I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56. I verily believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, for the reasons described below. (Check all boxes that apply.) <input type="checkbox"/> by reason of a defective specification or drawing. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> by reason of the patentee claiming more or less than he had the right to claim in the patent. <input type="checkbox"/> by reason of other errors. At least one error upon which reissue is based is described as follows: <u>The claims through no fault or deception, intent of the inventor are more narrow than allowed by the specification and the prior art.</u> [Attach additional sheets, if needed.] All errors corrected in this reissue application arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant.		

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Exhibit A

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(REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY THE ASSIGNEE, page 2)		Docket Number (Optional)	
I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. Name(s) Registration Number William C. Cray 27627			
Correspondence Address: Direct all communications about the application to: <input type="checkbox"/> Customer Number 022853 → <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;"> Place Customer Number Bar Code Label Here </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 5px;">OR</div> <div style="display: flex; border: 1px solid black;"> <div style="border-right: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 5px; font-size: 0.8em;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Firm or Individual Name </div> <div style="padding: 2px 5px; flex-grow: 1;"> Address Address City State Zip Country Telephone Fax </div> </div>			
I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine and imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this declaration is directed.			
Full name of person signing (given name, family name) Bruce M. Dickens			
Signature Bruce Dickens		Date 02/22/00	
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Residence/Post Office Address			
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Residence/Post Office Address			

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Attorney Docket No.: 2039-500

Exhibit B

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Reexamination No. 90/005,628)
Ordered March 10, 2000) Art Unit: 2777
Patent No. 5,365,063) Examiner: Paul V. Kulik
Patentee: Dickens) Attorney Docket No.: 2039-501
Patent Owner: Dickens-Soeder2000, LLC)

Power of Attorney or Authorization of Agent
Not Accompanying Application

I hereby appoint Practitioners at Customer Number 022853 as the attorneys for Dickens-Soeder2000 to represent Dickens-Soeder2000 before the United States Patent and Trademark Office in the above referenced Reexamination proceeding, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

Please change the correspondence address associated with the file of the above referenced patent and for this Reexamination proceeding to that of the above referenced Customer Number.

I am a Member/Manager of Dickens-Soeder2000 authorized to sign on behalf of Dickens-Soeder2000, the assignee of all of the right title and interest in and to the above referenced patent, as indicated by the Certificate under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73 accompanying this Power of Attorney.

Name: Bruce M. Dickens

Signature: Bruce M. Dickens

Date: 5-9-00

Exhibit C

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
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Reexamination No. 90/005,727)

Ordered August 10, 2000)

Patent No. 5,806,063)

Patentee: Dickens)

Patent Owner: Dickens-Soeder2000, LLC)

Art Unit: 2777

Examiner: Jean R. Homere

Attorney Docket No.: 2039-502

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Not Accompanying Application**

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Name: Bruce M. Dickens

Signature: Bruce M. DickensDate: 10-10-00

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